

Abstract

A high impedance attenuator for use in a test and measurement instrument employs compensation to adjust the low frequency attenuation to match the high frequency attenuation exhibited by the attenuator, rather than attempting to adjust the high frequency attenuation exhibited by the attenuator. In an alternate embodiment of the invention, compensation to adjust low frequency attenuation is employed in a feedback loop and an opposite compensation is applied in a parallel attenuation stage to stabilize the input resistance. In yet another embodiment of the invention, compensation to adjust low frequency attenuation is employed by means of an R-C time constant of an additional R-C circuit in a feed forward loop. This additional time constant is matched to the R-C time constant of the input R-C network. The input resistance of the attenuator is not changed.

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